



August Activity Summary

Franklin County Economic Development Commission

Business Development/Marketing

- Hosted and attended the Duke Energy Site Readiness Light recommendations presentation by Banning Engineering for the Brackney Industrial site. Representatives from Franklin County, Dearborn County, St. Leon and various utility providers were in attendance.
- Met with a Kentucky-based engineering firm interested in project growth and development activities in southeast Indiana.
- Attended an Opportunity Zone forum in Louisville hosted by law firm Frost, Brown Todd and CPA firm Mountjoy Chilton Medley. The forum was also held in Cincinnati and Indianapolis. TWG shared the information on the forums with potential project investors.
- Communicated with representatives at ETC to discuss fiber expansion and service for potential customers in the South Gate area.
- Worked with a commercial property broker and owner to add a commercial building in Laurel to the IEDC's sites and buildings database.
- Communicated with a local manufacturer with an interest in potential business growth and expansion.
- Received three unique project leads from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. All leads were manufacturing or processing in nature and required existing facilities in the community.

Project Management

- Conferred with Franklin County APC on zoning for various parcels located in the proposed Franklin County TIF expansion area.
- On behalf of the Franklin County RDC, reviewed the scope and discussed next steps of the proposed Franklin County TIF expansion with legal counsels Grant Reeves and James Shanahan.
- Met with a municipal financial advisor to discuss the potential expansion of the Franklin County TIF district, as well as the possibility of hosting a TIF presentation for interested leaders in the county.
- Continued review of the first draft of the hotel feasibility study conducted by Hotel R&D, LLC. Feedback was shared with the consultant and discussion was held on a potential special meeting for an unveiling of the report.

Engagement

- Attended the August meetings of the Franklin County Economic Development Commission and Redevelopment Commission (August 1st and 7th respectively).
- Participated in a conference call meeting with the SEIGA regional economic development group to discuss the asset inventory and engagement with county tourism offices.
- Completed a draft of potential project amendments to be added for the proposed expansion of the Golden Road Economic Development Area and shared with counsel.
- Reviewed Umbaugh's initial findings and spoke with the financial advisor for a progress update on the next phase of the work they are performing to assist the Auditor's office with historical TIF parcel research.
- At the request of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, performed business entity research and passed along various website databases for the organization's use.
- Performed "in-person" parcel data research on a number of parcels within the Brookville Main Street TIF district.
- Spoke with representatives from Brookville's Redevelopment Commission regarding various residential and commercial parcels within the TIF, as well as potential for amendment to the Brookville Main Street TIF district.
- Reviewed TIF district amendment drafted by the Brookville Redevelopment Commission for the removal of certain "county" parcels from the Main Street TIF district. Also researched annexation statutes and legislation as requested.
- Communicated with the executive director at SIRPC to discuss the viability of OCRA planning dollars for rural broadband planning. SIRPC is investigating other avenues for funding a study on the broadband issue that is more of a regional approach. Franklin County EDC will participate in these early discussions.
- Distributed law firm Barnes & Thornburg's *2017 Redevelopment Handbook* to members of the Franklin County Economic Development and Redevelopment Commissions.